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SUBJ: GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION ON TURK CYPRIOT CLOSURE

U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND REOPENING FBIS

REF: A) NICOSIA 2357

B. NICOSIA 2365

C. FBIS TA 301105Z JUL 75

1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS GIVES FULL PLAY TO BOTH
GOC PERMISSION REOPEN FBIS AND TURKISH CYPRIOT MEASURES
AGAINST USG INSTALLATIONS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED CYPRUS.
REACTION RESTRAINED EXCEPT FOR COMMUNIST HARAVGHI AND
LYSSARIDES' TA NEA, WHICH USE OCCASION STRESS USG
INSTALLATIONS ARE "SPY STATIONS", WHOSE PRESENCE IN
CYPRUS DETRIMENTAL TO CLOSE RELATIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS
WITH NON-ALIGNED AND SOVBLOC COUNTRIES. BOTH PAPERS CALL
ON GOC RESCIND PERMISSION REOPEN FBIS IN NICOSIA.

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THIS REFLECTED INFORMAL QUESTION BY AKEL DEPUTY IN HOUSE

OF REPRESENTATIVES. END SUMMARY.

1. MOST GREEK CYPRIOT DAILYS REPORT A) GOC PERMISSION REOPEN LIMITED FBIS OPERATION IN NICOSIA (ANNOUNCED JULY 28), B) TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION ON USG INSTALLATIONS (ANNOUNCED JULY 29) AND C) U.S. REACTION TO TURK CYPRIOT MOVES (USIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF JULY 29) WITHOUT EXTENSIVE COMMENT. IN TWO PAPERS, THESE EVENTS USED AS TAKE-OFF FOR EDITORIALS PUSHING PARTICULAR VIEWS OF PAPERS.

2. A. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI USES GOC ANNOUNCEMENT ON RE-OPENING FBIS TO TAKE SWIPES AT "CIA AND PENTAGON SPY STATIONS." JULY 30 HARAVGHI REPLAYS STATEMENT BY AKEL ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY WHICH CALLS DECISION "AT LEAST UNFORTUNATE", STATING "THESE RADIO STATIONS DO ANYTHING BUT PROMOTE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE AMONG PEOPLE. CYPRUS GOVERNMENT DECISION TO PERMIT REOPENING... CAUSES COOLNESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CYPRUS REPUBLIC AND NON-ALIGNED AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES..." STATEMENT CONCLUDES: "IT IS DEMAND OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT THESE U.S. SPY STATIONS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AS SOON AS PASSIBLE" (REF "C").

B. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA JULY 31 CALLS GOC DECISION PERMIT REOPENING "UNACCEPTABLE AND SCANDALOUS"; TERMS IT "PROVOCATION" TO THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM TURKISH INVASION AND TO ARAB COUNTRIES, AND LIKEWISE DEMANDS GOC RECONSIDER.

2. JULY 31 COMMUNIST HARAVGHI CITES CLERIDES' COMMENTS ON THIS QUESTION TO PRESS (JULY 29) IN WHICH CLERIDES DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF GOC DECISION PERMIT RE-OPENING. HARAVGHI CALLS THIS "PURE SCANDAL" AND USES AS EXCUSE TO CALL FOR SUPRAPARTY GOVERNMENT, SAYING CLERIDES' STATEMENT SHOWS THERE SHOULD BE GOVERNMENT OF ALL PARTIES TO PREVENT DECISIONS BEING MADE IN SUCH A WAY.

3. REFLECTING AKEL POSITION, DEPUTY POTAMITIS HAS TABLED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A FORMAL QUESTION ON REASONS FOR GOC ASSENT TO NEW STATION.

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4. TURKISH CYPRIOT MEASURES AGAINST USG INSTALLATIONS NOT HEAVILY PLAYED. TONE OF FEW ARTICLES IS CASARCASM AIMED NOT AT USG BUT AT TFSC'S "VICE PRESIDENT" OREK.

5. EMBASSY JULY 29 PRESS RELEASE (REF NICOSIA 2365) IS REPORTED FACTUALLY IN ALL PAPERS EXCEPT HARAVGHI WHICH EDITORIALIZES, SAYING RELEASE "UNDERESTIMATES MENTALITY OF PEOPLE." RELEASE IS NOT MAIN STORY BUT IS FED INTO

LARGER STORY RE USG "SPY STATIONS."

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